

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17: 5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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## GOSPEL

Lk 9: 28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## PRAYER IS KEY

On this Sunday we accompany Jesus up a mountain with three of his first-called disciples, Peter, John and James. The intention of Jesus' mountain-ascent, as Luke notes, is 'to pray'.

Luke locates this event at the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, where suffering and death await. This journey will occupy almost half the Gospel. The journey is one of instruction. Jesus instructs his disciples, Luke's audience and us on how to be authentic in a culture where status and materialism seduce. Prayer is key. Like the prophets of the First Testament, Jesus, the prophet, speaks truth and confronts compromised leadership. This will come at a high cost. Luke's Jesus knows this. The mountain is sacred, perceived as closer to the Heavens and God's abode. Jesus prays to God seeking discernment in what will unfold.

This prayer, in which the disciples are also caught up, brings him into communion with two First Testament figures, Moses and Elijah, representatives of the Torah (Moses, whom Israelites believed inspired the first five books of the Bible) and the Prophets (Elijah). Their presence is Luke's reminder that God's loving accompaniment of and revelation to the Israelites continued through Jesus into Luke's day. This scene is helpful for our Lenten journey. Prayer, especially in times of struggle and the search for discernment, is key.

Fr Michael Trainor



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

16 MARCH 2025

## FIRST READING

Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

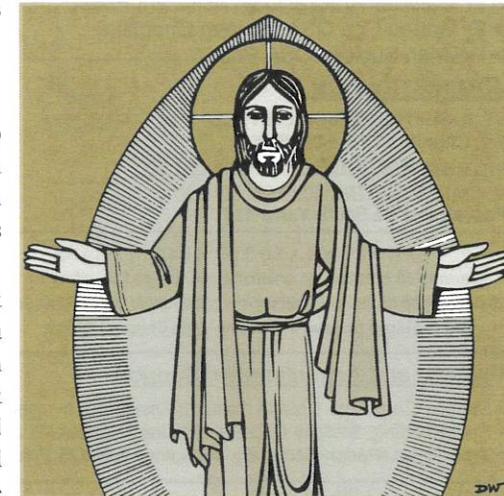
### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**



3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

## SECOND READING

Phil 3: 20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (16 Mar 2025)**  
**St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street**  
**St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street**

**In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS**

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

**ADMINISTRATION**

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**OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS**

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joss Honour (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, or by appointment.

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March St Patrick		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March St Cyril of Jerusalem	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March St Joseph	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent	10.00am Mass Stations of the Cross	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	



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**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ **Parish AGM:** Sun 23 Mar. 11.45am Parish Centre
- ▶ **Children's Liturgy:** Sun 23 Mar. 10.30am
- ▶ **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays 10.30am SJ

**AUGUSTINE 'THE TRANSFIGURATION'**



"The Lord Jesus Himself shone bright as the sun; His garment became white as the snow; and Moses and Elijah talked with Him. Jesus Himself

indeed shone as the sun, signifying that He is "the true light that enlightens every one that comes into the world." What the sun is to the eyes of the flesh, so He is to the eyes of the heart; and what that is to the flesh of men, that He is to their hearts. (from a Sermon)



**FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH – MARCH 19**

The Feast of St Joseph our Patron is this Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please join us for morning tea following the 10.30am Mass at St Joseph's on Sun 23 March.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10.30am. Morning tea will follow.

**SJOS GARDEN CLUB HONEY**

Next Sunday, the first batch of "Priory Garden Organic Honey" will be sold outside St Joseph's church as a part of their promotion and volunteer drive. Please support this venture which is a part of our parish commitment to Pope Francis' Action Platform to promote sustainability in the environment.



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gludemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Tom O'Neill.



**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Recently Deceased**



**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Giuseppe Muratore
- ✦ Adam Graham
- ✦ Bridget & Thomas Sheil
- ✦ Ngarie Cannon
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng
- ✦ Loretta Pereira
- ✦ Marie Connell
- ✦ Giuseppe Crivera
- ✦ Elena Lucca

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT**

At the February meeting of the Parish Council, preparations for the Parish AGM and the celebration of St Joseph's Feast Day next Sunday were discussed. Also discussed were the renovation of St Joseph's reconciliation room, the SJOS lease agreement, SJOS Garden Club selling our first batch of "Priory Garden Organic Honey" outside the Church next Sunday and the idea of a Parish Time Capsule to mark the Jubilee Year of 2025.



**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Parish AGM is to be held next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

March at 11.45am at St Joseph's. All parishioners are invited. The Annual Report will be presented and nominations for council membership presented.

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Nomination forms for new Council members are available at the church doors. If you would like to nominate, please hand the form to one of the priests this weekend.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**



Enrolments are open for the sacraments of First Reconciliation & Holy Communion. Please contact Stephy at the parish office.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 2/03/2025**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 566.05
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 254.85
Envelopes.....	\$ 555.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 655.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 600.00
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